

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:**

Anchorage - Steller Secondary School Library Books and Furniture

State Funding Requested: \$ 20,000**House District: 25 - M**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

This capital request would provide funding for new books and computer stations in the library at Steller Secondary School. Currently there are very few research stations where kids can study in the library.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$20,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This project is an education priority. This capital request would provide funding for new shelves, books, and furniture in the school library, and would also help improve the school instructional program. Currently the Steller Library has very few research stations where students can study in the library. If granted, this money would enable the school to set up a number of research stations which aid in everyday education. This request would also provide the Steller library with a library station and check out desk, which is necessary for keeping track of their books. This money would also enable the school to replace books in their library collection that are falling apart and virtually unreadable. Upgrades to the library are important to education because the Steller library serves as a hub for the school. It is a place where students can go to study, read, acquire knowledge, and get assistance with research. It also serves as a Career Research and College Prep center- something beneficial to the futures of all high school students.

Project Timeline:

If granted, the funds from this capital request would be used through FY09.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

ASD

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



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Representative Mike Doogan
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Dear Representative Doogan,

Re: Library upgrades - Steller

Thank you for your consideration of the projects submitted by Steller Secondary School for legislative review. We appreciate your interest in our school and our students, both of which are valuable assets to our community and state.

Steller is a nationally recognized Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and serves students in grades 7 through 12. As a small school, the funding for our library is the same as the funding for an elementary school. Over time, we have found that this level of funding does not keep our library stocked with the books or materials needed for a secondary school of 21st Century learners. To maximize the function of our small library, additional shelving, a new configuration for the check out desk and librarian's desk, and student workstations are needed.

The Steller Library is open before school, at lunch, and after school, and is utilized by our students throughout the school day. As with many school libraries, our library serves as a hub for our school. A place where students can go to study, read, acquire knowledge, and get assistance with research. In addition, our library serves as our Career Resource Center and College Prep Center. To increase the function and efficiency of our library would be an asset to the entire school community. Research tells us that schools that have strong functioning libraries produce better readers and students with higher academic achievement.

In the past year, we have purged books from our library, some of them as old as 30 years. While literary works stand the test of time and have remained on the shelves, it was essential to purge books that had outdated and obsolete

information. Books are the foundation of education and we would like to “grow” our library by adding significantly to the book collection.

A breakdown of this capital request is as follows:

Shelving – 2 tall stacks

Shelving – 2 double sided short stacks

Library station with check out desk

Student stations with cord management– 12

Books

The school will continue to provide annual funds to the library to replenish books. In addition, we have solicited donations of specific books that our library needs from our parents and the community. We have sought surplus items from the ASD warehouse, but have found none to date that meet the needs of our school. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

It is very important to the staff and our community that we continue the long standing tradition of academic excellence at Steller and the upgrades to our school library would contribute to the learning environment of our school as well as to the high expectations we set for our students. We appreciate your support of education and our school as a part of your community.

Sincerely,

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